

Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Saturday, December 31, 2016

Weather Forecast :

Today..... Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of showers. Winds will be from the southwest at 10-15 mph. Mountain highs upper 50s, river highs mid 70s.

Tonight..... Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of showers. Winds will be from the southwest around 10 mph. Overnight lows upper 40s.

Tomorrow Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Winds will be from the west/southwest at 10-15 mph. Mountain highs upper 50s, river highs mid 70s. Overnight lows mid 40s.

Extended Mon-Fri: Sunny to mostly cloudy.
Highs: upper 50s - mid 70s Lows: low 40s - upper 40s

Sunset tonight: 6:05 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:47 a.m.

Fire Danger

In the Chisos Mountains: Low

Panther Junction/Foothills: Low

Temperatures and Precipitation

	Temperatures – Last 24 hours				Precipitation		
	Elevation	High	Low	8 AM	24 Hours	Month	Year
Panther Junction	3750'	54	38	48	0.04	1.59	13.87
Chisos Basin	5400'	59	37	56	0.10	1.86	25.43
Rio Grande Village	1850'	64	46	49	0.05	0.99	11.81
Castolon	2170'	61	47	50	0.03	0.96	11.11
Persimmon Gap	2970'	60	43	45	0.01	1.05	14.87
Lajitas	2340'	59	47	48	0.03	1.34	12.40

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	5.96 ft / 611 cfs	5.90 ft / 568 cfs
Castolon	15.50	4.15 ft / 492 cfs	4.14 ft / 489 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	5.84 ft / 519 cfs	5.81 ft / 505 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.84 ft / 581 cfs	3.83 ft / 575 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.98 ft / 879 cfs	5.96 ft / 868 cfs

Current Park Conditions:

Several overnight backpacking campsites are closed in Boot Canyon, Colima, Toll Mountain, Juniper Canyon # 1 and Southwest Rim # 2 due to bear activity. The Chisos Mountains are home to a healthy Mexican Black Bear population, and fall rains resulted in abundant pine nut and oak nut production. Bears feed heavily during the fall in order to prepare for their winter denning period and these closures will give them the space and time they need to feed and will help keep our bears healthy and wild. Thank you for your cooperation and support!